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Former U.S. Department of Agriculture undersecretary to advise Baker, CSU chancellor

Jandy Jones

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Serving under presidents could be stressful for some, but for Joe Jen it is just part of the job. Jen, who has served under President George W. Bush as an undersecretary of research, education and economics at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will soon be working with another president.

Jen will be a senior adviser to Cal Poly President Warren Baker and California State University Chancellor Charles Reed.

Robert Detweiler, interim provost, said there were no other candidates for the job because it was specifically arranged for Jen.

"In many ways, it is its own special project," Jen said.

Jen, who has a bachelor's degree in agriculture chemistry and a master's in food science, will primarily focus on agriculture. He said that he wants to use his experiences and knowledge about Washington, D.C. to create internships for faculty and students.

"He will be able to help faculty identify opportunities in Washington," said Dave Wehner, dean of the College of Agriculture, in regards to Jen's involvement with the department.

When Jen was the dean of agriculture from 1992 to 2001, Wehner worked with him for a short period as the associate dean, he said. He described Jen as a motivated person who is interested in helping people get opportunities that are right for them.

"Cal Poly, and in particular the College of Agriculture, are indeed

fortunate to have Joe Jen return to campus to advise on federal policy and programs," Baker said in a press release. "Joe will draw on his combined academic, government and industry experience to help Cal Poly identify opportunities to expand its collaboration with the federal government in the areas of undergraduate and graduate education and applied research."

Jen's goals as senior adviser are to talk about his experience in Washington, D.C. He said that there is a possibility of forming an agriculture advisory group within the CSU system.

Jen, who also has a doctorate in biochemistry, comes into the job well qualified after serving as an undersecretary of research, education and economics in the U.S. Department of Agriculture since 2001. He was appointed by President Bush to be responsible for agriculture-related research and statistical analysis, according to a press release.

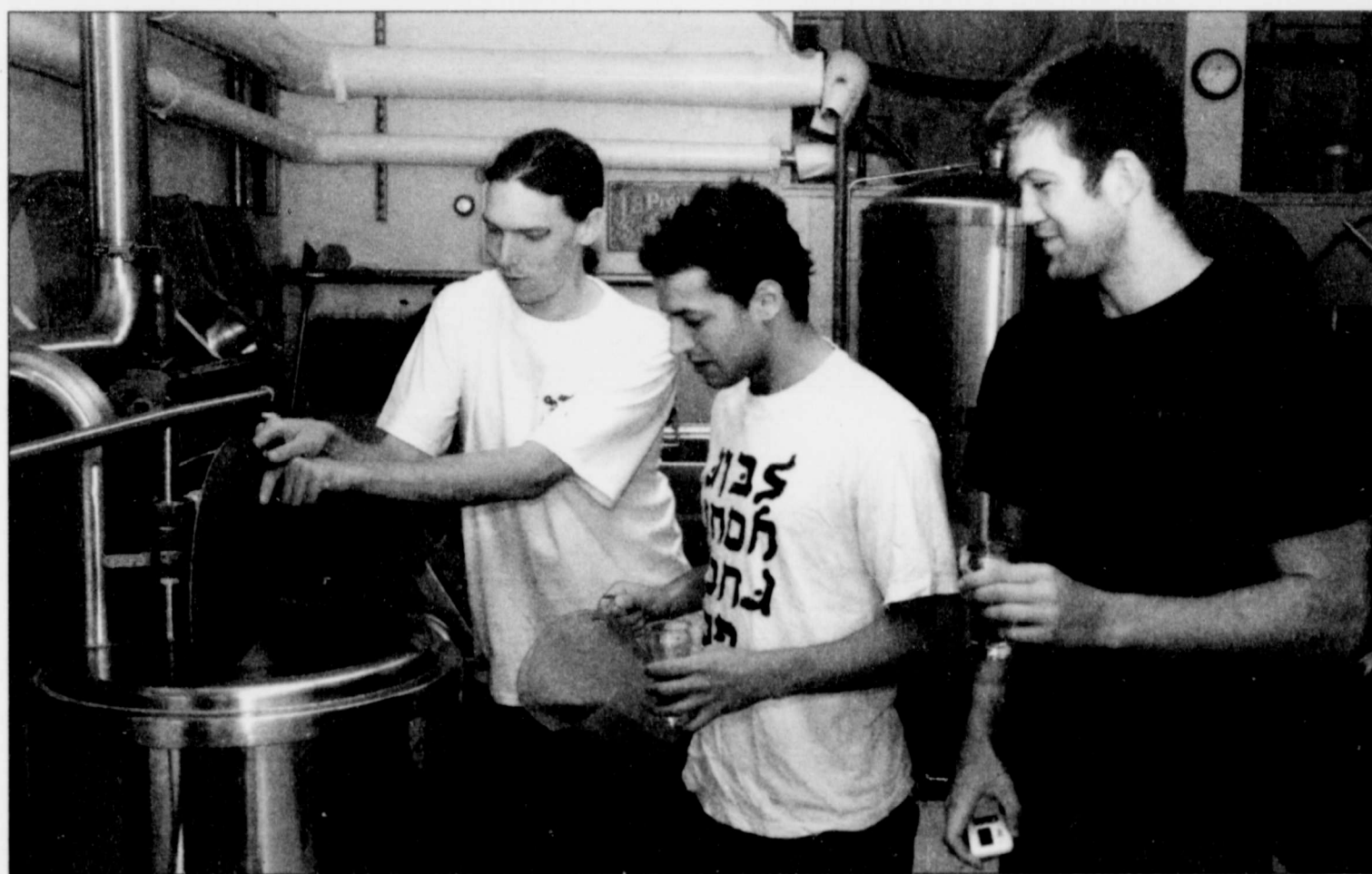
Other responsibilities while working in the USDA included overseeing four agencies with 13,000 employees located across the country. He said that the principles of handling the agencies are similar to running a college in that he deals with budgets and having people report to him.

A stint at the Campbell Institute of Science and Technology, a division of Campbell Soup Co., from 1980 and 1986 also decorate Jen's résumé. He served as the director of research that included such responsibilities as creating Prego spaghetti sauce, he said.

"It's kind funny," Jen said about inventing Prego. "It's the feeling you have made a worthwhile contribution to society."

Some of Jen's other accomplishments include authoring book chapters, scientific articles and over 1,000 presentations to

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TOM SANDERS MUSTANG DAILY

Jeff Surewen, of Central Coast Brewery, brews with Brad Hurvitz, president of the Brew Crew club, and Alek Edwards, Brew Crew club member.

Brew Crew provides beer from students for students

Jemma Wilson

MUSTANG DAILY

Millions are connected throughout the world by a passion that indulges their tastes and allows them to embrace their creativity. This passion? The art of brewing beer.

Cal Poly now has its own beer thanks to a campus club, the Brew Crew, which has brewed several types of beer this past year, one of which will be featured Tuesday at Frog & Peach for Pint Night.

The Brew Crew was created last year but went fairly unnoticed until psychology senior Brad Hurvitz inquired about joining. Now, as president of the club, Hurvitz wants to encourage students to learn about what it is they are drinking and that beer possibilities are endless.

"The Brew Crew's aim is to show people that there are several different types of beer out there to drink, not just the cheap stuff," Hurvitz said.

Perks to being a member of the club are unbeatable. For only \$15 per quarter, which goes strictly toward products for brewing, students receive an official membership card which entitles them to Pint Night prices at Frog and Peach every night, as well as a 50 percent discount on beer and mixed drinks at Downtown Brew Company. Members also receive 10 percent off of products at Doc's Cellar, a home-brew store in San Luis Obispo.

"It is extremely nice to have the discount because buying a drink for a friend is the same price as buying a drink for yourself without

the discount. So it is a cheap and easy way of giving a gift to your friends," Hurvitz said.

The beer to be featured at Tuesday's Pint Night is called Cal Poly Brown Ale and will be free for Brew Crew members. The ale has a strong, brown taste and is about 5 percent alcohol, Hurvitz said.

"I tried it recently and it blows Newcastle out of the water," he said of the Brown Ale.

"This is really exciting for us to have our finished product on display for everybody to enjoy, we worked hard on this beer," he said. "When the final results are observed, it is a wonderful feeling, and in our case it happens to be the one thing everybody will be celebrating with anyway: Beer."

The Brew Crew will also be fea-

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COMING UP...

EVENTS CALENDAR

WHAT: Cal Poly will be holding its third talk in the "Abraham-Father of Many" series. The discussion will have an inter-religious dialogue for Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

WHEN & WHERE: Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

WHAT: Award-winning screenwriter Pamela Kay will be speaking and leading a public forum on "Digital Previsualization and Storyboarding."

WHEN & WHERE: Thursday, May 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. For the event location, contact Robert Webber of the Cal Poly English department at 756-1436 or rwebber@calpoly.edu.

WHAT: Cal Poly landscape architecture students to present their senior thesis showcase, "Vaunt: Design Aphrodisiac," which showcases proposed designs in various cities in the United States and Brazil.

WHEN & WHERE: Friday, May 26 at 11 a.m. with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Cal Poly Beef Pavilion on Via Carta near the Arboretum.

WHAT: Cal Poly architecture seniors will be exhibiting their design-studio thesis work during "Coalesce," one of the largest architecture and design exhibitions between L.A. and San Francisco.

WHEN & WHERE: The exhibit begins Friday, May 26, with a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The event continues the weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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organizations ranging from civic to international. Presentation topics ranged from federal programming and funding to nutrition and biotechnology, he said.

Jen has started working at Cal Poly in April after deciding he didn't want to stay in Washington, D.C. and will enjoy working with the students.

"One of the main reasons why I wanted to come back to Cal Poly is to provide Washington, D.C. experience with the students here," Jen said.

Beer

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turing a beer at this year's California Festival of Beers in Avila Beach on Saturday. Dubbed "School Is Out For ... Summer Ale," this beer has a hint of raspberry and will be poured for everyone at the Brew Crew's booth.

"It will be exciting to be pouring beer for beer lovers," Hurvitz said.

The beer is brewed at Central Coast Brewery, which is one of the four "brew on premise" breweries in California. Anyone over 21 is

welcome to spend the afternoon brewing a specialty beer, with all of the ingredients and recipes at hand and ready to use.

"You need virtually no experience to brew," brewery owner George Peterson said.

It takes about two to three hours for the beer to be brewed, and then Central Coast Brewery monitors it for the next month. Costing around \$115 to \$130 to brew a keg full of your own inventive beer, customers never leave unsatisfied after tasting their own creation.

Central Coast Brewery uses no preservatives in their beers, which

only makes for better quality and taste.

"You just don't realize how much stuff is in commercial beer," Peterson said.

The Brew Crew's activities director Abhinav Goyal became involved with the club because he was curious to learn the beer-making process. Goyal, a computer engineering senior, developed the concept of having a discount card for members and develops activities for the club.

"There is a world of beer out there that a lot of people don't know about, and with the help of Brew Crew, we'd like to expose some part of it," Goyal said.

"I think the best part about it all was the creativity aspect of the process; we were no longer limited by the options at the grocery store. Brad and I go crazy with the ingredients," he said.

Goyal's favorite self-created beer to date was an Amber Ale with cinnamon and cloves.

"Controlling the amount of body the beer has and the flavors makes a huge difference," he said.

Hurvitz first began brewing beer while he studied abroad in Sydney, Australia last year. Throughout his four months there, he brewed 11 different batches.

"(My) first batch was an Indian

Pale Ale (IPA) and ever since then I have become more creative and have tried to incorporate more ingredients, an Amber Ale with cinnamon and cloves, a grapefruit wheat, a chocolate hazelnut brown ale, and more recently an orange vanilla wheat," Hurvitz said.

By traveling to roughly 30 different countries and observing how countries differ in their beers, Hurvitz said that he began to love beer and it became more of a gift than a drink.

As much as he is an advocate for beer drinking, Hurvitz is also an advocate for beer safety. For his senior project, he is currently working on a program that educates students on how to measure their blood alcohol concentration, which will be facilitated among 3,000 freshmen next year during the Week of Welcome.

"I feel that it is mandatory that people will understand the effects of alcohol if they will be imbibing it. It is a delectably dangerous drink and we must know how it works," he said.

For those interested in becoming members of the Brew Crew, contact Hurvitz by e-mail at brewcrew@calpoly.edu. The club also has a group on www.facebook.com.

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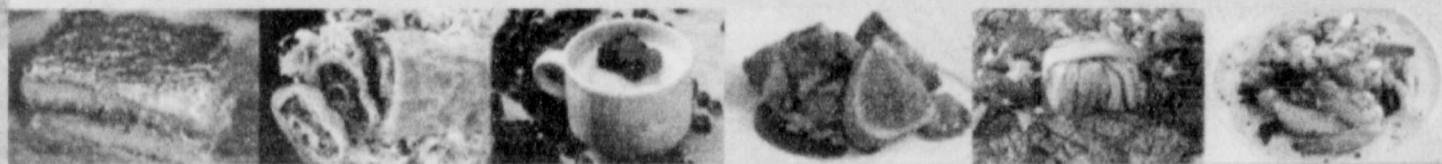
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The Face of



Cal Poly

Name: Marya Mikati • **Year:** sophomore
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Favorites

Place in SLO: Bali's
Animal: Penguins in my freezer
Thing about the opposite sex: Necks
Hobby: Belly dancing

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WHO SAID THAT?

Before you begin a thing, remind yourself that difficulties and delays quite impossible to foresee are ahead. If you could see them clearly, naturally you could do a great deal to get rid of them but you can't. You can only see one thing clearly and that is your goal. Form a mental vision of that and cling to it through thick and thin.

— Kathleen Norris

At the present rate of progress, it is almost impossible to imagine any technical feat that cannot be achieved — if it can be achieved at all — within the next few hundred years.

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Initial tests show 3 of 5 mine deaths were due to carbon monoxide

Samira Jafari
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOLMES MILL, Ky. — Three of the five miners killed in an explosion in an eastern Kentucky coal mine likely survived the initial blast but died of carbon monoxide poisoning, a coroner said Sunday based on preliminary autopsy results.

The other two miners died from multiple blunt force trauma and heat injuries, probably because they were closer to the Saturday blast, Harlan County Coroner Philip Bianchi said.

The cause of the blast at the Darby Mine No. 1 in Harlan County remained under investigation. Pockets of methane gas inside still were a danger a day after the accident, said Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. Repairs were needed on the ventilation system so it would be safe for investigators to enter the mine Monday.

The underground mine, operated by Kentucky Darby LLC, is about 250 miles southeast of Louisville near the Virginia border.

Amon Brock, 51, and Jimmy D. Lee, 33, died from injuries sustained in the explosion, the coroner said.

Roy Middleton, 35, George William Petra, 49, and Paris Thomas Jr., 53, survived the blast but were suffocated by the poisoned air, Bianchi said.

Bianchi said officials may be able to determine how long the three miners lived before they succumbed, but that would depend on their toxicology tests. He did not give a timetable on when those results would be available.

The initial reports infuriated family members.

"It makes me upset that he



Darby Mine No. 1 is where five coal miners were killed in an underground explosion near Holmes Mill, Ky. Three of the five miners killed in the explosion Saturday likely survived the initial blast but died of carbon monoxide poisoning, a coroner said Sunday.

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smothered to death," Mary Middleton said about her husband. "They need to have more oxygen for them."

Officials are investigating whether the breathing devices, the self-contained self-rescuers, used by the miners were working properly.

"What they told me was when they found my husband, he had the rescuer on, and he was trying to get out," said Tilda Thomas.

"I just think all miners everywhere need bigger oxygen supplies. The rescuers only have an hour supply, even if they work at all."

Paul Ledford, the lone survivor, told his brother his breather only worked for about five minutes.

"It's about having something to survive, they need to keep up with the technology," Jeff Ledford said. Ledford survived by crawling to the entrance of the mine.

Kentucky legislators, responding to the deadly accidents at mines across the country, including January's disaster that killed 12 miners at the Sago Mine in West Virginia, passed a measure requiring mines to store breathing devices underground, and to set up lifelines to help miners find their way out. But the law doesn't take effect until July.

A U.S. Senate panel last week approved a bill that would require

miners to have at least two hours of oxygen available instead of one as under the current policy. It also would require mine operators to store extra oxygen packs along escape routes.

Though it wasn't clear whether the proposed legislation would have made a difference at the mine in Holmes Mill, some said the coroner's findings show a need for improved oxygen supplies.

"It does sound like they didn't

have enough oxygen readily at hand," said Phil Smith, a spokesman for United Mine Workers of America, which supports legislation that would increase miners' oxygen supplies.

"These are just common sense things that ought to be done," Smith said of the proposed requirements.

On Sunday, the surrounding community prayed for the dead miners and their families at regular worship services.

About two dozen people gathered at the Closplint Church of God in Harlan County, not far from the mine.

"We lost some friends yesterday. Some wives lost husbands. Some sons lost fathers. It's really sad," said Stevie Sizemore, a Harlan County miner who said he was friends with all the victims.

Since Kentucky Darby took over as operator in May 2001, there had been 10 injuries and no deaths at the mine until Saturday, according to the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, which had been in the process of a regular inspection of the mine.

Saturday's explosion was the deadliest mining incident in the state since 1989, when 10 miners died in a western Kentucky mine blast, state officials said.

The national death toll from coal mining accidents is now 31 this year, with 10 of them in Kentucky.

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THE DA VINCI CODE

Ryan Chartrand

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I entered "The Da Vinci Code" expecting the most over-hyped film of the year. After seeing it, however, I realized I'd just seen one of the most over-criticized films of the year.

Whether you're a Christian or an Atheist, open- or closed-minded, "The Da Vinci Code" will please everyone. There's really no reason to criticize or request to crucify this film (or the great Ron Howard) — it's simply fiction. Howard, who directed the movie, was even kind enough to put a very blatant pro-Christian tone to the ending.

Debating whether "The Da Vinci Code" is fiction is meaningless. Deciphering why the critics detest the film with such passion is even more futile. Crack this code fellow critics: Job quit your. Now.

"The Da Vinci Code" is based on a lengthy book by Dan Brown that naturally has an even more elaborate plot. The story covers a wide range of conspiracy theories and ancient legends that claim Jesus Christ was no more than a sidewalk entertainer in

San Francisco, except he became the subject of the greatest-selling book of all time instead of getting a quarter chucked at him. The theories draw their "facts" from paintings such as "The Last Supper" by Leonardo Da Vinci, which shows a woman, namely Mary Magdalene, sitting next to Jesus.

It isn't every day you hear the entire religion of Christianity called a "hoax" or Jesus a "fraud." But don't let these shocking claims scare you away; it's all from "fiction land" and by the end of the movie you'll either laugh at its impossibility or be an annoying old woman and scream out "Oh! For heaven's sakes! Well, I'll be!"

On a side note, be prepared for church ladies in attendance.

Obviously, the plot is quite compelling and becomes far more complex as the two and a half hours digress. As noted, however, Howard makes it quite clear that the "bad guys" are anyone who believes these theories are true and anyone fighting against them, such as the splendiferous Tom Hanks, someone obviously worth Googling.

Sadly, the screenplay isn't the best repro-



COURTESY PHOTO

The long-awaited 'Da Vinci Code,' directed by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou, earned an estimated \$29 million on opening day.

duction of the book. This is mostly because the film is devoid of what readers consider the most fascinating aspect of the book, the "Mona Lisa." Knowing that so much is left out will obviously inspire people to rush to bookstores, but I suppose there's also only so much you can fit in a two-and-a-half-hour period.

The acting makes up for any minor direction or screenplay-related complaints that many critics seem to over exaggerate.

But Hanks isn't the only one who will hook you. Audrey Tautou ("Amelie") finally makes a performance with an accent that is bearable and worthwhile. Sir Ian McKellen finally takes a role almost unrelated to Gandalf and manages to convey his dynamic character with uncanny passion. And Paul Bettany ("Wimbledon") steals the show as a somewhat-evil, yet always disturbing monk who enjoys whipping himself and walloping

nuns with large stones (imagine if Hanks had accidentally taken that role). The list of talent continues until finally you come to the realization that there really is no way for a film with such a unique story and well-portrayed characters to fail.

I entered "The Da Vinci Code" angered by protestors (even as a Christian myself) and left even more enraged knowing they will still refuse to watch it, no matter how many times I tell them that it ultimately promotes Christianity.

Nevertheless, there are few films, or pure compilations of fiction, that will stimulate, captivate and constantly keep you wanting more this year like this package of joy and lacerations.

Don't leave the house with just \$7 — you'll later find yourself at a bookstore wondering why you are broke. Don't blame me, blame Ron Howard.

Whether you're a Christian or an
Atheist, open- or closed-minded,
"The Da Vinci Code" will please
everyone. There's really no reason
to criticize or crucify this film ...

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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Compiled by Justin Fivella
Design by Louise Dolby

1	RECALL "Summertime ... (when) the livin's easy" with "Sublime Remembered" with former band members including Q-ball Tuesday at 8 p.m at Downtown Brew. Tickets are available at Boo Boo Records for \$14 and all ages are welcome. Visit www.downtownbrewingco.com for more information.	05/ 23
2	REMEMBER the famous pin-up girl Bettie Page in "The Notorious Bettie Page," a film documenting this erotic/classic icons life from her strict up bringing to her later rebellious years. For more information visit www.thepalmtheatre.com or www.thenotoriousbettiepage.com .	05/ 23
3	SWING into the Academy of Dance concert on Thursday as the San Luis Jazz Dancers show their abilities in the Spanos theatre at 7 p.m. For more information and ticket prices, visit www.pacslo.org .	05/ 25
4	LEARN some movie secrets at "Digital Previsualization and Storyboarding" from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday on campus as award-winning screenwriter Pamela Kay will discuss her current film "Nude and Naked" and about digital storyboards. For more information regarding reservations and times, call 756-1436.	05/ 25
5	CRUISE through the West Coast Kustoms' "Crusin' Nationals" vintage car show in Paso Robles this Friday through Sunday, May 26 to 28, at the Paso Robles County Fair Grounds. Hailed as one of the biggest car shows on the left coast, events include raffles, concerts, poker runs and the famous winner's-circle event. For more information, visit www.westcoastcruise.com .	05/ 26
6	RAISE your senses at "Vaunt Design Aphrodisiac," a landscape architecture display at the Beef Pavilion on Via Carta Way on Friday at 11 a.m. Check out the proposed architecture ideas by senior landscape architecture students. For more information, call 756-1319.	05/ 26
7	SHAKE you way to "Dancin In The Park," on Cruise Night in Paso Robles Friday from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Downtown City Park Bandstand at 12 th and Spring Streets. Listen to vintage 50s rock and enjoy refreshments and a barbecue. For more information, check out www.pasoroblesdowntown.org .	05/ 26
8	BITE your way over to the Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival Saturday and Sunday in the historic downtown area of the Arroyo Grande Village. For more information, call 473-2250.	05/ 27
9	SIT and listen to "In God We Trust," a Memorial Day concert commemorating America's troops who have "paid the ultimate sacrifice" on Sunday. Doors open at 6 p.m in the Christopher Cohan Center. For questions, visit www.pacslo.org .	05/ 28
10	RELAX beachside as you listen to the blues at the 13 th annual Avila Beach Blues Festival on Sunday at the Avila Beach Resort. The all-ages festival features The Tommy Castro Band, Roomful of Blues and WAR. Gates open at noon. For tickets, go to any Vallitix outlet or visit www.vallitix.com .	05/ 28

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COMMENTARY

Are you sick ... of working?

Dilemma: I'm not gonna lie. Last night, I went out big and I was so hungover this morning I had to call into work sick. I know if I did go, I wouldn't be able to function. So I made the call before my shift and told them that my roommate had fallen down the stairs and I was the only person able to take her to urgent care. Obviously, this wasn't ethical, but just how bad was it to not go to work? —Alexa W.

We bet that you are sooooo productive at work on a regular basis, the office would completely fall apart without you there ... or will it? We know it's hard to believe, but most workplaces really can survive in the case of an employee's brief absence. "Presenteeism" — going to work when you're sick — is a trend that millions of Americans fall into because of our fast-paced lifestyles. In fact, one estimate shows that more than 75 percent of people still go to work with the common cold or other problems. Isn't that assuring to know?

Although you may think that calling in sick might reflect a poor work ethic, you also don't want to



be the employee that spreads the whooping cough to the entire accounting department down the hall. Use common sense and good judgment when faced with whether or not to call in sick. If you have a migraine, chills/sweats, fever, pinkeye or major stomach problems, we highly recommend using a "sick day."

In addition to being sick, it is also important to keep one's sanity. Everyone has those days where they can't bear the thought of going into work and if they force themselves to go, they will be far

less productive. Personal priorities may not always match up with those of the company you work for. Just be aware that calling in sick when you in fact are not, won't rack up brownie points with the co-workers who will spend the day picking up your slack. To help you save face and your sanity, here are some recommendations with what to tell the boss:

- I have a doctor's appointment
- I'm working from home
- I have cramps ... who can argue? It's the excuse no one challenges. One important note: Don't use this one if you're a man. It'll never work.

Excuses to avoid:

- I have a personal emergency. This one is so vague it rarely works.
- I can't come into work today because of eye trouble ... I can't see myself working today.
- There's been a death in the family. Don't ever use this excuse if

it's not true. Your employer will lose all trust in you. "I had an employee whose mother died — twice," said David Wear, a Virginia PR executive. "He also had the misfortune of losing all his grandparents — 12 of them — during a two-year period."

Don't come back to work the next day with a suntan, pictures, stories, etc. If you share what you have done with your coworkers, they may turn on you and tell your boss. Worse, they may steal all of your good excuses!

Also, try not to call in "sick" on too many Mondays or Fridays — extended weekends tend to stick out in the minds of bosses and coworkers as well. Calling out on the occasional Tuesday is far more credible.

The Bottom Line: No matter which excuse is used, try not to lie because it always comes back around.

It's Karma.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Holy Land history lesson

In Humza Chowdry's letter, he said, "Peace in Palestine will happen when the Zionists give back the land they stole, and not try to profit off land that was never theirs to begin with." Let's take a quick history lesson.

Land is always bought or taken by force. A great majority of wars are fought for the gain of more territory. The Holy Land is not exempt. It has had many different nations conquer it through war. The Holy Land was once controlled by the Canaanites, before the Israelites conquered it in the second millennium before Christ. These Jewish Israelites lived in Palestine for over 1,000 years. It was their national homeland until A.D. 70, when the Romans destroyed them. Then, in 636 A.D., Muslim warriors from Medina defeated the Christian Byzantines in the Holy Land. From 636 to 1918, Muslims controlled the Holy Land. In 1918, British defeated the Ottoman Empire and gained control. In 1948, Britain gave the land away for a Jewish state, creating the nation of Israel as we know it today.

Humza, you deny that a successful war grants the victors land. But if wars don't grant land, then Allah's victory in 638 did not legally grant Muslims the land from the Byzantines. The land was "stolen."

For more than 3,000 years, the Jews have considered the Holy Land their homeland. Finally, 2,000 years after the Romans "stole" it from

them, it has been returned. Put up with it. Muslims don't control it anymore.

Brian Crawford
Architectural engineering junior

Israelis and Palestinians: A comparison

In response to Heba Mansour's and Humza Chowdry's misleading statistics and deceptive lies, I am sick of listening to complaints over Palestinian housing demolition by Israeli forces. The Israeli army carries out the demolition for two reasons. First, the houses are illegally erected without permits on Israeli soil. Second, they are the homes of Palestinian suicide bombers and their family supporters who continue to kill innocent Jews, of which 1,084 have been killed since September 2000. Humza criticized media control in the U.S., when in Palestinian territories, all stations are privately owned and regulated. Broadcasted media, as well as newspaper content, is restricted to government propaganda. These countries cannot even operate on their own, but continue to blame Israel for their problems. Since Oslo, Israeli education has implemented "peace education" to encourage young Israelis to accept and respect Arabs. By contrast, ninth-grade Palestinian textbooks have been seen asserting that "treachery and disloyalty are character traits of the Jews, and, therefore, one should beware of them," furthermore, "the Jews are enemies to the prophets and believers." The textbooks even glorify Jihad and martyrdom. It's no wonder there is so much turmoil within Palestinian society. Humza complains of Palestinians living in poverty, yet the governments fail to provide proper education to the younger generations, and their economy is a disaster. All oil money is funneled

away from the people, when billions of dollars could help improve Palestinian society.

Matt Morvai
Chemistry junior

Humza's at it again

You can't always trust what you read, especially when it's coming from Humza Chowdry. In his latest anti-Israel letter to the editor, Humza quoted former Prime Minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon, as saying, "I vow that if I was just an Israeli civilian and I met a Palestinian I would burn him and I would make him suffer before killing him."

To put it simply, this quote is manufactured propaganda. The quote first appeared on anti-Israel Web sites in 2001, and has since been spewed from the mouths of "Humza's" across the globe. The fraudulent quote is supposedly from an interview that General Ouzemerham had with Sharon in 1956. Little did Humza know, General Ouzemerham is a made-up person, who gave a makebelieve interview, which can be found at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ouzemerham>. The quote does not exist in any verifiable publication, yet that did not stop Humza from using it.

Humza goes on to compare Israelis to Nazis (I can't think of a more inappropriate insult). Humza's lack of compassion for the Jewish people who nearly faced extermination by the Nazis should not be tolerated on our college campus. It saddens me to see that there are people in this world filled with so much hate, and it hurts me to see that our own school paper allows this hatred to spread.

I encourage everyone to explore and learn more about Israel, but that requires reading reputable sources,

not Humza Chowdry.

Ryan Evans
Accounting junior

Don't sell hate; sell hummus

Chief of Racism at Cal Poly, Humza Chowdry, recently wrote an article titled "Zionists and the real terrorists." I was shocked! I did not know that the same Zionist-controlled media would allow such degenerate lies to be published by Humza.

The democratically-elected leaders of the death worshipping residents in Gaza and the West Bank (Hamas) have recently met with our good friends, The Islamic Republic of Iran. They have decided that they are going to start a business together. It's called Armageddon Incorporated. The Palestinian people have WILLINGLY elected a government that is the closest ally to a regime who is being led by the Hitler of our times.

This conflict is not about a group of people who have taken a desolate piece of land and turned it into one of the most advanced societies within a 1,000 miles of anything that resembles humanity (Israel). This is also not about a group of people who give birth to what their leaders refer to as human "weapons" (Hamas). This is about the truth. The more racist infidels like Humza try to write such lies and hate about some of the most peaceful people in this world, the less chance we have for peace.

I would like to drive up for Humza's graduation and actually celebrate his long over due departure from Cal Poly. His future employer, Armageddon Incorporated, should consider changing its business plan. Instead of selling hate, why not sell some hummus!

Kouroush Cyrus Somekhian
Alumnus

Sweep

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Cal Poly fell to 27-26 and 8-10 in the Big West.

The lone run of the game was a solo home run by Cal State Fullerton second baseman Justin Turner in the sixth inning.

Cal Poly could get just one runner to second base — in the eighth inning — and lost the game despite outhitting the Titans 5-3.

Senior first baseman Jimmy Van Ostrand led the Mustangs offensively with two singles, lifting his average to .295. No other player in the game collected more than one hit.

Van Ostrand was hit by a pitch for the 15th time this season, taking over the No. 2 spot on Cal Poly's all-time single-season list.

CSU Fullerton 3, Cal Poly 1

Brett Pill snapped a 1-1 tie with a solo home run in the sixth inning and Lauren Gagnier allowed one run and seven hits in 6.1 innings to lead Cal State Fullerton to a 3-1 victory over Cal Poly on Saturday night.

Gagnier (11-4) struck out four and also walked four for the Titans. John Estes and Adam Jorgenson worked in relief before Ryan Paul came in to record his second save in as many nights, securing the final out of the game.

Cal Poly squandered numerous scoring opportunities, leaving the bases loaded three times and stranding 12 players on the basepaths.

The Mustangs loaded the bases with no outs in the second inning, but Matt Canepa lined out to Gagnier and Brent Morel and Gilbert Gil both flied out to the outfield.

Cal Poly again loaded the bases, this time with two outs, in the sixth inning, but Gil struck out on a check swing. Pinch-hitter Adam Buschini grounded out to third base with the sacks filled in the seventh.

CSU Fullerton 6, Cal Poly 4

Wes Roemer scattered nine hits

over 8.1 innings and Danny Dorn's two-run single snapped a 3-3 tie in the eighth inning as Cal State Fullerton defeated Cal Poly 6-4 on Friday night.

Roemer (10-1) struck out nine and walked none — he's allowed just four walks all season — surrendering only a two-run home run by Jimmy Van Ostrand in the fourth inning, an RBI double by Grant Desme in the eighth and Matt Canepa's run-scoring single up the middle in the ninth.

Roemer, a sophomore right-hander, retired 12 consecutive Mustang batters after Van Ostrand's homer.

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Cal State Fullerton	15	3
Long Beach State	12	6
UC Irvine	9	9
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Cal State Northridge	6	12
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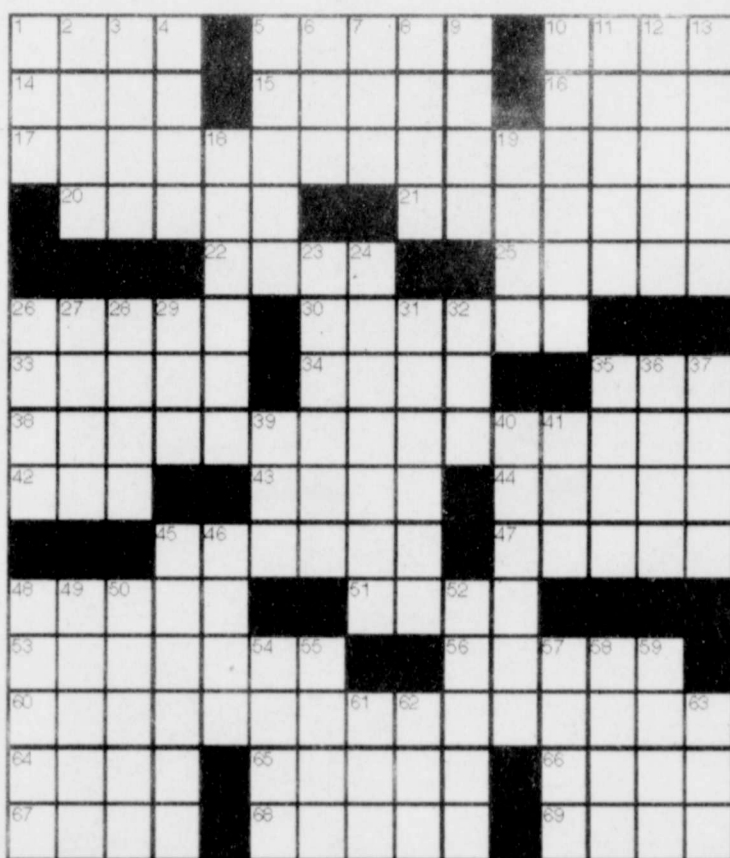
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- 14 Prefix with European
- 15 Resting place in a garden
- 16 Martinique et Guadeloupe
- 17 College professors travel in them
- 20 Sidekick, in the Southwest
- 21 The tiniest bit
- 22 Openings
- 25 Full of the latest happenings
- 26 Bead counters
- 30 Partner of "or"
- 33 — to go
- 34 Ballpark stat.
- 35 "You've got mail" co.
- 38 Flancées wear them
- 42 "Fourscore and seven years —"
- 43 Gossip
- 44 The "U" of UHF
- 45 Flat peppermint candy
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- 48 Name a criminal goes by
- 51 Juice drinks
- 53 Echo locations
- 56 Vetoes
- 60 Alternatives to stoplights
- 64 Cube inventor Rubik
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- 66 Singer Guthrie
- 67 Not a natural blonde, say

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- 6 Prefix with cycle
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- 8 Bonkers
- 9 Dublin's home
- 10 More problematical
- 11 Let happen
- 12 Track events
- 13 Op-ed piece
- 18 Prodding
- 19 Mathematician Descartes
- 23 Let happen
- 24 Cold place to be banished to
- 26 Locale
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- 31 Like some windows
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- 40 Where 24-Down is
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- 49 King of TV
- 50 Cockamamie
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- 54 Cairo's waterway
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Titans silence Mustang bats

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly needed to sweep the No. 2 team in the nation in order to stay alive in the race for a Big West Conference championship. However, it was the four-time national champion Cal State Fullerton doing the sweeping this weekend, virtually ending the Mustangs' playoff hopes with wins of 6-4, 3-1 and 1-0 at Goodwin Field.

The offensive output of five runs ties for Cal Poly's lowest three-day tally this year. UC Irvine held the Mustang bats at bay in mid-April, winning two-of-three games at Baggett Stadium while only allowing a combined five runs.

In Sunday's action, Dustin Miller outduelled Casey Fien in a classic match-up of senior right-handers as Cal State Fullerton defeated Cal Poly 1-0.

Miller pitched a five-hit shutout to improve to 10-1 on the year — giving the Titans three 10-game winners — with eight strikeouts and one walk.

Fien struck out five and walked none, allowing one run and three hits in falling to 5-5 on the season.

With the win, Cal State Fullerton clinched at least a tie for the Big West Conference championship, improving to 39-13 overall and 15-3 in conference games. The Titans swept the Mustangs for the third time in the last four years.

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BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's bats disappeared over the weekend against one of the toughest pitching staffs in the Big West — and the country — at No. 2 Cal State Fullerton.

Bertoni leads 'Stangs at regionals

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Senior Travis Bertoni carded his second straight 69 Saturday to finish with a three-under-par 213 total and a tie for 38th place, highlighting Cal Poly's performance on the final day of competition in the 2006 NCAA West Regional men's golf championship at the Omni Tucson National Golf Club.

The Mustangs, competing in the regional for the second straight year, produced three top-50 finishers and settled for a 19th-place team finish with a two-over-par 866 total, notching a one-over-par 289 total in Saturday's final round of the 54-hole tournament.

Bertoni shot a 75 in the opening round Thursday, tied for 102nd place, but rallied with back-to-back 69s to finish in the top 40. On Saturday, the Paso Robles High School graduate had five birdies and a pair of bogeys.

As a junior, Bertoni finished tied for 31st

in the regionals at the Stanford Golf Course. He was 71st in the 2004 NCAA West Regional at Sunriver, Ore., and 16th as a freshman in the 2003 regional at Auburn, Wash.

Bertoni concludes his collegiate career with 11 victories, No. 4 on the NCAA list. Phil Mickelson of Arizona State notched 16 career wins for the record.

Mustang sophomore David Lewinski also finished tied for 38th place Saturday, carding a final-round 73 on the 7,200-yard, par-72 course for his 213 total. Lewinski shot a 68 Thursday and was tied for sixth place before carding a 72 Friday. He had two birdies and three bogeys in the final round.

Finishing in a tie for 46th place was sophomore J.J. Scurich. His 74 on Saturday included four birdies, two bogeys and a pair of double-bogeys. Scurich posted a 73 Thursday and 67 Friday.

Kevin O'Brien, another sophomore, carded a 73 Saturday and finished alone in 124th place with a 12-over-par 228 total. He had an up-and-down final round with seven birdies, six bogeys and a double-bogey. O'Brien shot a 74 Thursday and 81 Friday.

Colin Peck, the fourth Mustang sophomore in the regionals, struggled to an 85 Saturday, finishing with a 25-over-par 241 total for 141st place. Peck carded 77 and 79 on the first two days of the tournament.

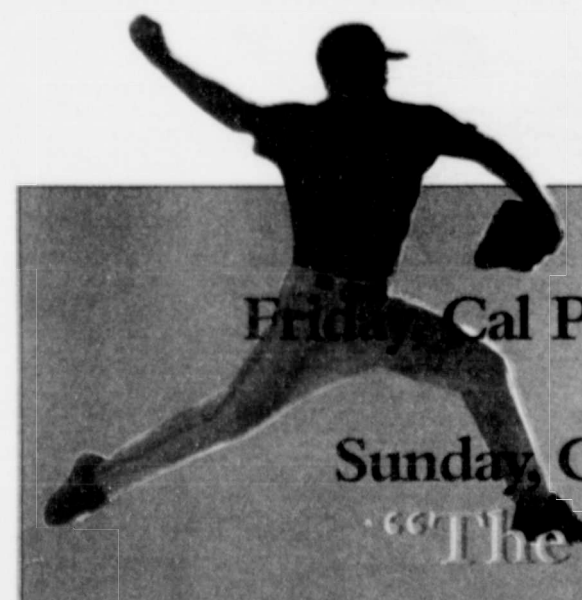
Co-medalists were Billy Horschel of Florida and Casey Watabu of Nevada with 13-under-par 203 totals. Watabu shot 64 Saturday while Horschel finished with a 66. Dustin Pimm of Utah, the leader after the first and second rounds, recorded a 72 Saturday and finished tied for fifth place with a 10-under-par 206 total.

Arizona and Florida shared the team championship with 37-under-par 827 totals, 13 strokes ahead of both Arizona State and Washington.

Cal Poly was 17 over par on the final hole at the Tucson National Golf Club, a 469-yard par-4 hole.

The Mustangs finished 22nd place in the 2005 NCAA West Regional at Stanford.

Top 10 teams and top two individuals qualify for the 2006 NCAA Men's Golf Championship, scheduled for May 31 through June 3 at the Crosswater Club at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Ore.



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Northwestern reveals two hazing incidents

Ben Larrison

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EVANSTON, Ill. — The Northwestern athletic department issued a statement regarding two "hazing incidents" from the 2005-2006 school year late Wednesday.

The first involved the men's swimming team, and the second occurred among students who portrayed NU mascot Willie the Wildcat, according to the release from Athletic Director Mark Murphy. Both occurred in fall 2005.

The statement came as a pre-emptive defense against a Daily Herald story planned for Thursday in which the Chicago newspaper exposed the hazings. The men's swimming roster has been removed from the NU athletics Web site.

According to the statement, the men's swimming team, which finished 10th at the 2006 NCAA championships, forced freshmen to swim in Lake Michigan off the North Campus beach while it was closed, and involved underage drinking in a hazing incident last September. The team also committed, according to the statement, "additional inappropriate behavior that violated the university's anti-hazing policy."

An investigation by the Division of Student Affairs concluded the incident had violated NU policy. In response, the team's annual training trip to Hawaii was canceled and some swimmers were barred from competing in certain meets. All swimmers were placed on probation, had to perform community service and attended hazing seminars as punishment.

Some upperclassmen on the team were allegedly not allowed to attend a TCU-hosted Dallas meet, among others. Juniors Mike Alexandrov and Matt Grevers did not swim in the first two meets of the season, though not officially as a result of disciplinary actions.

Men's swimming coach Bob Groseth declined to comment on the incident. Players were told not to comment by the athletic department and to refer all questions to Assistant Athletic Director Mike Wolf.

According to the release, "additional disciplinary action was taken against several members of the team," but the extent of the action was not described due to federal privacy laws.

In response to the hazing, the athletic department issued brochures on the subject to all coaches and student athletes at NU.

In October 2005, Willie the Wildcat performers staged an abduction of potential mascots. As a result, all students who portrayed the mascot at the time were fired and, like the swimmers, put on disciplinary probation. The hazing was also the reason for Willie's absence at multiple football games, the release said.

"As I have stated previously, Northwestern will not tolerate hazing of any kind," Murphy said in the statement.

"When it discovers allegations of hazing or other violations of student conduct regulations, the university will respond quickly and take the appropriate actions."

With the recent revelation of a potential hazing on the women's soccer team, there have now been three hazing-related incidents at NU in the last academic year.

EVANSTON, Ill.

(AP) — Northwestern University suspended its women's soccer team last week on Monday while the school investigates alleged hazing involving players last year.

The statement did not provide details about the alleged incident, and Northwestern spokesman Alan Cabbage said the school would not comment further.

A Web site displayed pictures allegedly of Northwestern soccer players in T-shirts and underwear, some wearing blindfolds and others with their hands tied behind their backs. Other women had words or pictures scrawled on their bodies and clothes, and it appeared some were drinking alcohol.

Northwestern's Division of Student Affairs will conduct the investigation, athletic director Mark Murphy said.